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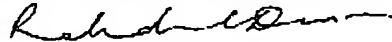
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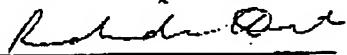
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Dear Sir:

The Examiner requested the Patent Agent for Applicants the other day that the Applicants fax over a proposed agenda for a phone interview, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 03:00 PM (EST). The proposed agenda for discussion is as follows (in order of preference):

1. Applicants want to discuss the cited Xu et. al. and Enoki et. al references and why they do not teach or suggest the claim requirements of method claim 1, 10 (and corresponding system and article of manufacture claims). Neither references suggest combining their requirements into the claimed combination. The Examiner's motivation to combine the references can lead to many other modification besides the one claimed and appears to be based on hindsight.

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2. Patentability of method claims 40, 41 (and corresponding system and article of manufacture claims) over the four cited references that have been combined for the 103 based rejection.

3. Patentability of method claims 3 and 6 (and corresponding system and article of manufacture claims)

Based on the discussion of the above, applicants may wish to suggest modifications that distinguish the application over the cited art.

The attorney/agent invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 557-2292 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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